

In The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sectioning apparatus for a form-fitting cover of an object comprising:

a plurality of material coupling members that attach to at least one portion of the form-fitting cover; and

a separating assembly coupled to said plurality of material coupling members and separable into a plurality of separation mating members, said separating assembly configured to separate the form-fitting cover into a plurality of sections;

said plurality of material coupling members and said separating assembly attach to said form-fitting cover along ~~an intended~~ a predetermined seam area of said form-fitting cover;

whereby said coupling members allow the cover to be moved or removed to allow access to the object and then said coupling members can be reapplied such that form-fitting cover is in place over the object.

2. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said plurality of material coupling members comprise:

a first member coupled to a first section of the cover; and

a second member coupled to a second section of the cover.

3. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 2 wherein said first section is adjacent said second section.

4. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said plurality of material coupling members comprise elements selected from at least one of adhesive elements, snap elements, hook elements, loop elements, locking elements and stitching elements.

5. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 further comprising at least one protection element coupled to said plurality of material coupling members.

6. (Previously Amended) An apparatus as in claim 5 wherein said at least one protection element is at least one of plastic wrap, wax paper, and non-stick paper.

7. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said plurality of material coupling members have a non-adhesive side.

8. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said plurality of material coupling members and said separating assembly are in the form of a tape.

9. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein the form-fitting cover is in the form of a shrink-wrap material.

10. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said separating assembly comprises:

a first separation mating member; and

a second separation mating member.

11. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said separating assembly comprises:

a first separation mating member having hooks; and

a second separation mating member having loops.

12. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said separating assembly comprises snagging ends.

13. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said separating assembly comprises at least one element selected from grommet elements, snap elements, hook elements, loop elements, locking elements, zipper elements.

14. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as in claim 1 further comprising a sealing flap coupled to said plurality of material coupling members and covering an exterior portion of said separating assembly.

15. (Currently Amended) An object cover assembly for protection of an object comprising:

a form-fitting cover; and

a sectioning apparatus comprising:

a plurality of material coupling members having a common application side and coupled to at least one portion of said form-fitting cover via said common application side; and

a separating assembly coupled to said plurality of material coupling members and separable into a plurality of overlapping separating assembly elements, said

separating assembly separable to reveal a seam area of the form-fitting cover, a location of said seam area being predetermined by a user;

whereby said sectioning apparatus allows said form-fitting cover to be moved or removed to allow access to the object and then said sectioning apparatus can then be repositioned such that form-fitting cover is in place over the object.

16. (Withdrawn) A method of applying and separating a section of a form-fitting cover for an object comprising:

applying a plurality of material coupling members of a sectioning apparatus to a portion of the form-fitting cover;

separating a plurality of separation mating members;

cutting the cover; and

mating said plurality of separation mating members.

17. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 16 wherein said plurality of material coupling members are adhered to said portion.

18. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 16 further comprising accessing the object through separation of said plurality of separation mating members.

19. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 16 further comprising:

applying a shrink-wrap material to the object; and

shrinking said shrink-wrap material to form fit over the object.

20. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 16 further comprising:

applying the form-fitting cover to the object;

forming the form-fitting cover over the object;

removing a section of the cover via said plurality of separation members; and

reapplying said section to the object.

21. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 16 further comprising:

applying the form-fitting cover to the object;

forming the form-fitting cover over the object;

removing the form-fitting cover from the object; and

reapplying the form-fitting cover to the object.

22. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 16 wherein separating a plurality of separation members comprises at least one of untying, unlocking, unhooking, unzipping, and unsnapping said plurality of separation members.

23. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 8 wherein said tape is a one-sided cover application tape.

24. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said plurality of material coupling members overlap and add material length to at least one of said plurality of material sections.

25. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 1 further comprising at least one seal sealing said plurality of material sections.

26. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 25 wherein said at least one seal is a re-sealable environmental barrier.

27. (New) An apparatus for allowing a form-fitting cover for an object to be reused comprising:

at least one material coupling member for communicating with an outer surface of the form-fitting cover, said at least one material coupling member including

a first portion coupled to a first section of the cover;

a second section coupled to a second section of the cover; and

a separating assembly extending between said first portion and said second portion of said at least one material coupling member to allow access to the cover after the at least one material coupling member has been applied thereto;

said first portion of said at least one material coupling member is attached to the cover adjacent one side of a predetermined seam and said second portion of said at least one material coupling member is attached to the cover adjacent an opposing side of said predetermined seam;

whereby said separating assembly allows a user to access the cover to form said predetermined seam;

said first portion of said at least one material coupling member is engageable with said second portion of said at least one material coupling member to allow the cover to be reused after said predetermined seam has been formed.